

than minding our manners; it is doing our duty.

No one can speak in this Capitol and not be awed by its history. At so many turning points, debates in these chambers have reflected the collected or divided conscience of our country. And when we walk through Statuary Hall and see those men and women of marble, we're reminded of their courage and achievement.

Yet America's purpose is never found only in statues or history. America's purpose always stands before us. Our generation must show courage in a time of blessing, as our Nation has always shown in times of crisis. And our courage, issue by issue, can gather to greatness and serve our country. This is the privilege and responsibility we share. And if we work together, we can prove that public service is noble.

We all came here for a reason. We all have things we want to accomplish and promises to keep. *Juntos podemos*—together we can.

We can make Americans proud of their Government. Together we can share in the credit of making our country more prosperous and generous and just and earn from our conscience and from our fellow citizens the highest possible praise: Well done, good and faithful servants.

Thank you all. Good night, and God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:10 p.m. in the House Chamber of the Capitol. In his remarks, he referred to Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra.

## Memorandum on Racial Profiling

February 27, 2001

*Memorandum for the Attorney General*

*Subject: Racial Profiling*

I hereby direct you to review the use by Federal law enforcement authorities of race as a factor in conducting stops, searches, and other investigative procedures. In particular, I ask that you work with the Congress to develop methods or mechanisms to collect any relevant data from Federal law enforcement agencies and work in cooperation with State and local law enforcement in order to assess the extent and nature of any such practices.

I further direct that you report back to me with your findings and recommendations for the improvement of the just and equal administration of our Nation's laws.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on February 28.

## Exchange With Reporters During a Tour of Control Concepts Corporation in Beaver, Pennsylvania February 28, 2001

### *National Economy/Tax Cut Legislation*

**Q.** Chairman Greenspan this morning said that the slowdown doesn't look like it's run its course yet, and I'm wondering if you can comment on that.

**The President.** All the more reason to accelerate the tax cut. And I think our Nation needs to be wary of the economic times, and Congress needs to know that. Congress needs to work with me to accelerate a meaningful tax reduction package as quickly as possible.

**Q.** With the votes the way they are in the Senate, sir, can you get your package through in time and make a difference?

**The President.** I am confident we're going to get a significant tax relief package through. It's going to have enough oomph to it to help the economy. And that's one reason I'm traveling around the country, to make the case.

**Q.** Does that suggest, sir—

**The President.** —Roberts [John Roberts, CBS News], on the other hand.

**Q.** Does that suggest, sir, that it may not be the package that you want?

**The President.** Oh, we're going to get the package out.

### *Address to the Congress*

**Q.** Sir, how do you feel it went last night, Mr. President?

**The President.** You need to ask other people. I felt—well, I've passed the initial review. My wife thought I did all right. That was—

**Q.** Were you nervous?